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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT TO INTERVENE IN WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON POWER PROJECT

When Grand Coulee Dam was constructed on the upper Columbia River, the Wenatchee River and three other Washington streams were chosen to replace natural spawning areas that were cut off by Grand Coulee Dam. Congress, in authorizing construction of Grand Coulee, also included funds for relocating the fish runs and construction of three National Fish Hatcheries to supplement natural spawning. The Interior Department contends that the intent of Congress was preservation of the four rivers to maintain the fish resources, and that this intent would be nullified by the proposed project if licensed by the Federal Power Commission.

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